

Michigan High School
Athletic Association, Inc.

Welcome to the

41st ANNUAL

**OFFICIALS
AWARDS**

&

**ALUMNI
BANQUET**



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2020

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41st ANNUAL OFFICIALS AWARDS AND ALUMNI BANQUET Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center East Lansing, Michigan Saturday, May 2, 2020

RECEPTION

5:45-6:45 p.m.

WELCOME & DINNER

7 p.m.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

Mark Uyl, Executive Director, MHSAA

Brent Rice, Assistant Director, MHSAA

*Presentation of VERN L. NORRIS Award to
Hugh Matson*

VIDEO PROGRAM

John Johnson, Communications Director, MHSAA

GREETERS & PRESENTERS (MHSAA Representatives)

Laura Roberts — Faye Verellen

PLEASE USE THIS PROCEDURE TO RECEIVE YOUR PLAQUES:

1. We will recognize 20-year, 30-year, 40-year, 45-year, and then 50-year recipients.
2. Award recipients will come to the stage and introduce themselves, stating name and city.
3. Awards will be presented to recipients as they leave the stage to return to their seats.
4. If anyone is unable to come forward to announce his/her name, please send someone to accept the award on behalf of the recipient who will be recognized at his/her seat.
5. Only officials listed in this program will be recognized at this banquet.

CONGRATULATIONS — 50-YEAR OFFICIALS

James Cleverley
New Baltimore

Curtis Cummings
Lowell

Paul Engelberts
Royal Oak

Albert Fernandez
Monroe

Burton Hurshe
Waterford

H Dan Johnson
Vassar

Anthony Leonardo
Clio

Hugh Matson
Saginaw

Michael McCullough
Hudson

Edward Miller
Custer

Joseph Reddinger
Kingsford

Donald Rose Sr.
Essexville

Dennis Rothenthaler
Walker

Charles Russian
Sanford

Daniel Schultz
Wyoming

John Springer
Onsted

David St Onge
Ishpeming

Frank Talerico
Shelby Township

Larry Vaandering
Muskegon

William Watkins
Cheboygan

Robert Williams
Redford

Tom Woiwode
Okemos

Joe Zomerlei
Byron Center

CONGRATULATIONS — 45-YEAR OFFICIALS

Steven Ayotte
Negaunee

Robert Bolak
Trenton

Mark Brochu
Marysville

William Brooks
Dowagiac

Victor Cena
Mason

Jack Coffey
Ann Arbor

Thomas Cole
Bay City

John Davidson
Canton

Thomas Driscoll
St Clair Shores

Eugene English Jr.
Clarkston

Eugene Fiszer
Ontonagon

Lawrence Freeman
Detroit

Michael French
Jackson

Robert Galvin
Grand Rapids

Michael Gielczyk
Manistee

David Gillison
Haslett

Rudy Godefroidt
Hemlock

James Goorman
Muskegon

Burton Harrison
Manton

Edward Hedgecock
Caledonia

Fusako Hines
St Clair Shores

Tom Hoffman
Caledonia

Jud Kastner
Smiths Creek

Thomas Kemp
Grayling

James Knopp
Grosse Ile

Timothy Krieger
Berrien Springs

James Krznarich
Ironwood

Kirk Kujawski
Boyné City

Evelyn Langlands
Trenton

Kendall Lewis
Battle Creek

Charles Lindsay
Whitmore Lake

Robert McComb Jr.
Clark Lake

Joseph McCormick
Brownstown Twp

Edwin McKimmy
Flushing

Michael McMahon
Wyandotte

David Mersman
Clarksville

Betty Near
Kentwood

Dirk Pegman
Grand Rapids

Chuck Pelham
Pittsford

L. Lee Piepho
Howell

Gerald Purgiel
Rogers City

Bill Rubin
Brighton

Robert Sarachman
Kent City

Carol Sheldon
Royal Oak

Richard Simon
Vicksburg

Jeanne Skinner
Grand Rapids

Charles Sprang
Michigan Center

Terry Styer
Taylor

Ken Sudall
Lansing

Thomas Sullivan Jr.
Southfield

Dennis Troshak
Howell

Daniel Washburn
Tekonsha

Billy Waters
Detroit

Betty Wroubel CAA
Clawson

Barry Zinger
Caseville

CONGRATULATIONS — 40-YEAR OFFICIALS

Benjamin Armstrong
West Bloomfield

Timothy Baker
Vicksburg

Christopher Bates
Blissfield

David Benham
Marshall

Marie Bessler
Madison Heights

Roberta Beyerlein
Saginaw

Paul Binder
Bad Axe

Patrick Boitnott
Decatur

Fred Bowers
Hudson

David Breithaupt
Mattawan

James Briggs
Detroit

Frederick Bruley
Trenton

Bruce Caswell
Hillsdale

Jerald Cook
Brimley

Thomas Cox
Richland

Sam Davis
Lansing

Timothy Erickson
Rockford

Kathi Frank
Onsted

George Frederick
Fruitport

John Garrison
Okemos

James Goorhouse
Fremont

Richard Hillman
Madison Heights

Marvin Hinga
Zeeland

Paul Holmes
Gaylord

Sheila Homic
Berkley

Jim Johnson
Clarksville

Daniel Junttila
Calumet

Kevin Kabacinski
Dearborn Heights

James Ketelaar
Kalamazoo

Mark Kronk
Farmington Hills

Steven Linn
Harbor Beach

Richard Lott
Grand Haven

Rodney Marshall
Scottville

Michael Nate
Niles

David Nemecek
Manistee

James Newell
Flint

Gary O'Brien
Champion

John Pucci
Iron Mountain

Karl Schmidt
Dundee

Randall Sehl
Temperance

Bradford Skauge
Ferndale

Gregory Smetek
Redford

David Sontag
Pinckney

Donna Strang
Westland

Douglas Tipton
Grand Blanc

Charles VanDongen
Muskegon

Joel Venia
Marysville

Eric Willis
Lansing

William Wiseman
Delta

Bob Wojcik
Hudsonville

Patrick Wollet
Hudson

David Wright
Ludington

Donald Yuvan
Lansing

Robert Zaranek
Grosse Pointe Woods

Douglas Zimmerman
Waterford

CONGRATULATIONS — 30-YEAR OFFICIALS

Dennis Argyle
Freeland

Lisa Bain
Haslett

James Barbera
Traverse City

Gary Barta
Owosso

Joseph Barzo
Brownstown Township

William Bayko
Onsted

Clifford Bliss
Clinton Township

James Brigance
Grand Blanc

A. Terry Brinston
Romulus

Francis Brown
Buchanan

Ronald Buchanan
Royal Oak

Don Buchholz
Grand Rapids

Theo Burrel
Muskegon

Patrick Clark
St Joseph

Brad Cole
Lincoln

Timothy Cook
Muskegon

Matthew Cox
Vassar

David Czerniakowski
Byron

Dan Dean
Port Sanilac

Jeffrey Diebolt
Gladstone

Katherine Dolfman
Delton

Christine Durham
Holland

David Dzierzyc
Caledonia

Michael Fair
Grand Blanc

Darren Ford
Detroit

Peter Friedrich
Washington Twp

Joseph Garant
Alpena

CONGRATULATIONS — 30-YEAR OFFICIALS

Peter Garthe
Traverse City

David Gelwicks
Monroe

Ronald Gentz
Blissfield

Melvin George
Highland Park

Lawrence Gerbe
Shelby Township

Donald Gordon
Columbiaville

Lawrence Grant
Wixom

David Griffel
Grand Blanc

Wayne Hamilton
New Boston

Pamela Hanson-Bender
Alma

John Hartley Jr.
St Clair Shores

Thomas Heabeart
Macomb

Daryl Henderson
Grand Rapids

John Hilken
Monroe

Daniel Houston Sr.
Saginaw

Richard Hurdelbrink
Kalamazoo

W Randy Jacobs
Marysville

James Jakubowski
Grand Rapids

Charles Janke
Brooklyn

John Jimenez
Clark lake

Anthony Johnson
Southfield

Jim Joseph
Brownstown Township

Robert Juhasz
Northville

Brien Kelly
Coldwater

Ted Kelly
Carson City

Larry Kenyon
Ann Arbor

Thomas Kmita
Leonard

Robert Kubczak
Saginaw

Arthur Kurtze III
Carson City

Richard Kus
Westland

Danny Kuskowski
Ray

David Latusek
Grayling

Lisa Lee
Allen Park

Jack Light
Farmington Hills

Christopher Maday
Kentwood

Benjamin Madero
Riverview

Thomas Mallon
Westland

David Maloney
Wyandotte

David Mann
Dearborn Heights

Scott Markham
Grand Rapids

Bruce Mastny
Three Rivers

Neil McCarthy
Flushing

Douglas McGiness
Cadillac

Daniel Millhisler
North Muskegon

Oliver Myers
Midland

Steven Nuyen
Kalamazoo

Franklin Olson
Ortonville

Paul Osborne
Mesick

Bradley Peet Sr.
Ithaca

William Peiffer
Coldwater

Kyle Plutschuck
Macomb

George Pond
Iron Mountain

Dan Reason
Fenton

Douglas Ripley
East Lansing

Thomas Rourke
Laingsburg

Jeff Rowley
Sumner

Victor Salazar
Hart

Jeffrey Sandora
Shelby Township

Glen Scafidi
Newport

Mark Schoenow
Vassar

David Sexton
South Bend

Mark Shanks
Kingsford

Kevin Sinicki
Bay City

Kirk Spangler
Saline

Lonnie Spencer
Olivet

Shawn Spittler
Jackson

Douglas Stark
Chesterfield

Barbra Storey
Stalwart

Thomas Suminski
Fraser

Robert Sunday
Mt Morris

Stacey Swiatlowski
Scottville

Kevin Taylor
Cadillac

Justin Terry
Lansing

Bruce Tiseo
Marquette

Patrick Uhrig
Farwell

Kevin VanderHulst
Holland

Steven Warber
Jenison

James White
Sidney

Amy Willing
Lansing

John Wood
Hamilton

Robert Wright CAA
Onsted

CONGRATULATIONS — 20-YEAR OFFICIALS

Art Adamec Jr.
Gladwin

Greg Adams
Grand Rapids

Makia Alexander
Canton

Pete Amb's
Jackson

Jason Andrzejewski
Bay City

Kirk Antekeier
Norton Shores

Karen Asch
Kalamazoo

Thomas (Tim) Ashbury
Clio

Eric Baldwin
Jackson

David Barnhill
Laingsburg

Mike Bartosiewicz
Hudsonville

Thomas Batista
Irons

Frank Benion Jr.
Auburn Hills

Adam Bergman
Ishpeming

Donald Bergstrom
Hanover

Jill Bertuleit
Midland

Thomas Biggs
Ypsilanti

William Blickensdorf
Clinton Township

Kenneth Blough
Mendon

Gerald Boudreaux
Dearborn Heights

Roger Bouma
Wyoming

Douglas Braschler
Hamilton

Jeffrey Bretzke
Beulah

Darrell Brown
Warren

Jennifer Brown
Brighton

Nancy Brucken
Ann Arbor

Jay Buelow
Plymouth

Kara Burns
Plymouth

Brian Burtch
Holland

Patrick Cain
Gowen

Ronald Camilletti
Sterling Heights

Jon Caran
Sterling Heights

John Carr
St. Joseph

Judy Cisewski
Ironwood

Burton Cook
Grand Rapids

Gary Cook
Rochester

Ronald Coury
Monroe

Bob Covert
Muskegon

Troy Craft
Pontiac

Toby Crull
Marshall

Wayne Cupp
Roseville

Michael Cushman
Livonia

Chad Davinich
Warren

Dave Deckert
Dearborn

Richard Dietz
Daggett

Allan Diver
Grosse Pointe

Thomas Dowdall
Davison

Ronald Eberline
Commerce Township

Denny Edwards
Benton Harbor

Thomas Emery
Grand Rapids

Sarah Eubanks
Tecumseh

Jerry Evans
Coleman

Bruce Falberg
Traverse City

James Fellingner
Grand Rapids

Michael Fick
Saginaw

Timothy Fino
Farmington

James Fitrakis
bay city

Gregory Folsom
Flint

Randy Freed
Sheridan

Eric Fröhriep
Charlotte

Tony Gheller
Bessemer

Mark Giannunzio
Manistique

Eric Golota
Fenton

Julie Goodwin
Allen Park

Ryan Gordon
Iron Mountain

James Graham
Dorr

Lance Green
Eau Claire

Shawn Griffith
Mendon

Ronald Gunn
Dowagiac

Stanley Guzy
Bellevue

Marvin Hardy Jr.
Grand Ledge

Patricia Hayes
Birmingham

Mark Heagle
Jenison

Michael Henahan Jr.
Royal Oak

Douglas Higelmire
Parma

Dana Higgins
Olivet

Douglas Hill
Flat Rock

Frits Hoekstra
Wyoming

Jared Hoffmeyer
Grand Blanc

Daniel Holt
Grand Haven

Kyle Hondorp
Cadillac

Jeffrey Houtteman
Brighton

Paul Howey
Monroe

Bruce Hull
Grand Rapids

Gene Hyrns
North Muskegon

Robert Ianni
Okemos

Doug Ingalls
St Ignace

Arden Irwin
Flint

David Jones
Harrison Township

Scott Jones
Traverse City

Todd Kackman
Fort Gratiot

Dennis Keeney
Beulah

Kenneth Knudsen
Traverse City

CONGRATULATIONS — 20-YEAR OFFICIALS

- Paul Knudson**
 Davisburg
- David Koch Sr.**
 New Baltimore
- Richard Koperski**
 Grand Rapids
- Neil Kreamalmeyer**
 Vicksburg
- Walter Lamb**
 Holland
- Barbara Landis**
 Manistique
- Michael Leanes**
 Negaunee
- Elliott Love**
 Lansing
- Ian Lundquist**
 Alpena
- Charles Lydy**
 Saginaw
- Joseph Malec**
 Petoskey
- Jeffrey Marshall**
 Negaunee
- Scott Maternowski**
 Grand Rapids
- Daniel Mausolf**
 Lansing
- John McBride**
 Kalamazoo
- Jack McCulley**
 Battle Creek
- Aaron McDaniel**
 Detroit
- Ruth Miehle**
 Bath
- David Miller**
 Haslett
- Gratian Moldovan**
 Sterling Heights
- Paulette Moon**
 Fremont
- Larry Morrell**
 Kalamazoo
- Mark Movrich**
 Bessemer
- Tom Muckel**
 Three Rivers
- Richard Mull**
 Ypsilanti
- Joseph Murnane**
 Riverview
- Robert Myers**
 Fowlerville
- Philip Nardone**
 Mason
- Scott Neifert**
 Wyandotte
- Jerry Nelson**
 Tustin
- Mitchell Nichols**
 Port Huron
- Thomas Nichols Jr.**
 Muskegon
- James Nordlund**
 Ludington
- Thomas Oleniacz**
 Bay City
- Lawrence Olsen**
 Maple City
- Peter Oudsema**
 Rochester Hills
- Larry Owens Jr.**
 Jackson
- Michael Packard**
 Ada
- Charles Paquin Jr.**
 Cedarville
- Mitchell Perry**
 Moran
- W. James Pierce**
 Detroit
- Jason Price**
 Crystal Falls
- Quincey Price**
 Southfield
- Gary Quantock**
 Saline
- Gary Ragels**
 Prescott
- Bruce Ralston**
 Sylvania
- Timothy Restau**
 Caledonia
- Kelly Richardson**
 Grand Rapids
- Mark Rigotti**
 Taylor
- Dean Ristovski**
 Sterling Heights
- Bennie Roach**
 Dearborn Heights
- Robert Rose**
 Luther
- Dustin Ruthven Sr.**
 Portage
- Calvin Sanders**
 Lansing
- Gregory Santilli**
 Canton
- Gary Schack**
 Huntington Woods
- Kenneth Schau**
 Sturgis
- Milissa Schell**
 Warren
- Eric Seifert**
 Bloomfield Hills
- James Sheets**
 Benzonia
- William (Ted) Sim**
 Ironwood
- Carl Smith**
 Midland
- Michael Smith**
 Battle Creek
- Michael Smith**
 Livonia
- Scott Smith**
 Grand Blanc
- Tyrone Smith**
 Sterling Heights
- Brandon Stacey**
 Stevensville
- Mark Stormzand**
 Williamsburg
- Caron Sullivan**
 Flushing
- Mark Sullwold**
 Warren
- Nathan Taylor**
 Elsie
- Clarence Thompson**
 Saginaw
- Michelle Turpin**
 Shepherd
- Thomas Ureche Jr.**
 Fenton
- Mike Valasek**
 Owosso
- Gene VanAlst**
 Clio
- Doug VanSyckle**
 Stanwood
- Thomas Wall**
 Stanton
- Levi Watkins**
 Battle Creek
- Daniel Westfall**
 Macomb
- Phillip Whitcomb**
 Lake Odessa
- Bill Williams**
 Livonia
- Floyd Williams**
 Flint
- Katherine Williams**
 Farmington Hills
- Kevin Winningham**
 Canton
- George Wyers**
 Michigan Center
- Tracy Yeary**
 Monroe
- Keith Zubke**
 Adrian

2020 NORRIS WINNER HUGH MATSON

Already recognized prestigiously for his leadership as a coach and administrator, Saginaw's **Hugh Matson** made lasting impacts on Michigan high school sports serving those duties over a career stretching four decades. More than 20 years after retiring from that work, Matson's contributions to school sports continue in another key role, and he has been selected as this year's honoree for the Michigan High School Athletic Association's Vern L. Norris Award as he celebrates his 50th school year as an MHSAA-registered contest official.



The Norris Award is presented annually to a veteran official who has been active in a local officials association, has mentored other officials, and has been involved in officials' education. It is named for Vern L. Norris, who served as executive director of the MHSAA from 1978-86 and was well-respected by officials on the state and national levels. Matson is the second honoree in MHSAA history to receive both the Norris and Charles E. Forsythe Award, the latter presented to Matson in 2015 for his overall contributions to interscholastic athletics. Matson joined Kalamazoo's Blake Hagman, who received the Norris Award in 1998 and the Forsythe Award in 2000.

Matson first registered with the MHSAA to officiate track & field and cross country during the 1970-71 school year and has officiated more than 800 meets in those sports – including more than 20 Regionals and nearly 20 MHSAA Finals. He also has officiated cross country and track & field at the Division I, II and III and NIAA collegiate levels.

His career in education began with his first teaching job in 1957, at Mattawan. He then moved to Saginaw, teaching and coaching at Saginaw MacArthur High School from 1962-71 and then Saginaw Eisenhower from 1971-88. Matson served as head varsity football and track & field coach at Mattawan and as head track & field coach at both MacArthur and Eisenhower, in addition to serving as an assistant football coach at both schools. He became the first and only athletic director in Eisenhower's history – holding that position from the school's first day during the 1970-71 school year until the end of the 1987-88 school year, when he became co-athletic director of the new Saginaw Heritage High School, which was created from a merger of MacArthur and Eisenhower. Matson served as the sole full-time athletic director of Heritage for 1996-97 before retiring.

Matson has been a member of the Association of Track Officials of Michigan (ATOM) since 1993 and received its 2009-10 Art Jevet/Bruce Jacobs Distinguished Service Award. He also received the Chuck Wheeler Volunteer of the Year Award from Saginaw Valley State University track & field in 2012 and the USA Track & Field (USATF) National Officials Committee Outstanding Service Award in 2014. He received designation as a Certified Master-level starter by USATF in 2000.

He has served as a volunteer track starter for SVSU and as a volunteer official for middle and high school meets as part of the Michigan Indoor Track Series, both since 1997.

While an athletic director, Matson was a member of the Michigan Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (MIAAA) from 1970-97 and served as president during the 1989-90 school year. He was a member of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association (NIAAA) from 1980-97 and served as a representative and speaker for the MIAAA at regional conferences in Iowa and Wisconsin and to the NIAAA Leadership Forum in 1987. Matson was named to the Saginaw County Sports Hall of Fame in 2014.

"The same attributes that made Hugh Matson a beloved teacher, coach and athletic director have made him beloved to the officiating community as well," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "His selflessness and dedication continues to shine through in his mentorship of officials, as well as athletes and coaches, and his guidance and insights continue to benefit the track & field and cross country communities statewide."

Matson graduated from Newaygo HS in 1953, earning 13 varsity letters in four sports – football, basketball, baseball and track. He received his bachelor's degree in physical education with minors in English and history in 1957 from Western Michigan University.

VERN L. NORRIS AWARD



VERN L. NORRIS
MHSAA Executive Director
1978 - 1986

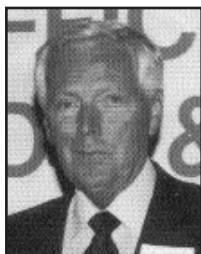
Assistant Director 1963-68
Associate Director 1968-78

The Vern L. Norris Award is presented annually since 1992 to a veteran MHSAA athletic official. He or she must also have been active in a local officials association, mentored other officials, and have been involved in officials education.

Previous Norris Award Winners



1992
Ted Wilson
East Detroit



1993
Fred Briggs Sr.
Burton



1994
Joe Brodie
Flat Rock



1995
Jim Massar
Flint



1996
James Lamoreaux
St. Ignace



1997
Ken Myllyla
Escanaba



1998
Blake Hagman
Kalamazoo



1999
Richard Kalahar
Jackson

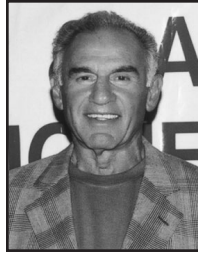
Previous Norris Award Winners



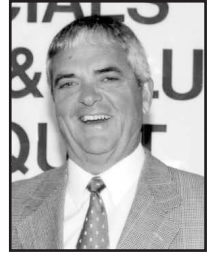
2000
Barb Beckett
Traverse City



2000
Karl Newingham
Bay City



2001
Herb Lipschultz
Kalamazoo



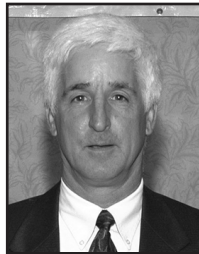
2002
Robert Scholie
Hancock



2003
Ron Nagy
Hazel Park



2004
Carl Van Heck
Grand Rapids



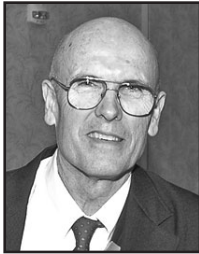
2005
Bruce Moss
Alma



2006
Jeanne Skinner
Grand Rapids



2007
Terry R. Wakeley
Grayling



2008
Will Lynch
Honor



2009
James Danhoff
Richland



2010
John Juday Sr.
Petoskey

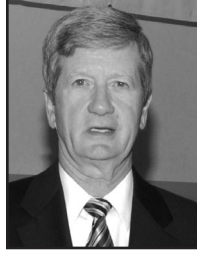
Previous Norris Award Winners



2011
Robert Williams
Redford



2012
Lyle Berry
Rockford



2013
Tom Minter
Okemos



2014
Hugh Jewell
Detroit



2015
Sam Davis
Lansing



2016
Linda Hoover
Marshall



2017
Mike Gentry
Shelby Township



2018
Jill Baker-Cooley
Big Rapids



2019
David Buck
St. Joseph

Officials for Kids

Officials for Kids originated in Lansing in 2003 to support local fundraising efforts of Coaches for Kids and Athletes for Kids to construct a dedicated pediatric emergency room and waiting room at Sparrow Hospital. Since then, Officials for Kids has grown statewide to assist the Children's Miracle Network hospitals in Michigan with a variety of projects.



The Children's Miracle Network is a non-profit organization which raises funds for 174 children's hospitals across North America, including the four in Michigan: William Beaumont Hospital (Detroit); Helen DeVos Children's Hospital (Grand Rapids); Hurley Medical Center (Flint), and Sparrow Hospital (Lansing).

STATEWIDE OBJECTIVES

- Promote good health for Michigan youth
- Support outstanding health care for Michigan children
- Enhance the public image of sports officials in Michigan

STRATEGIES

Establish alliances between Michigan's four Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and local officials' associations to:

- Underwrite specific program, operational, and capital expenses of these CMN hospitals
- Promote and provide volunteer support for events which are consistent with these goals and objectives

For more information, please visit the Officials page of the Michigan High School Athletic Association Web site, mhsaa.com, or contact **Andrea Osters** at:

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